

**NOTICE CONCERNING HURRICANES GUSTAV AND IKE:**

As the result of these two hurricanes, a State of Emergency was declared by Governor Jindal on August 27, 2008. (Proclamation No. 51 BJ 2008) Governor Jindal also issued Executive Orders relative to the disasters and the Department of Insurance issued emergency rules. This is to offer information relative to those that have an impact on the PCF's actions.

**Executive Order BJ 08-92:**

The Governor issued an Executive Order which **suspended all deadlines** in legal, administrative and regulatory proceedings, including liberative prescriptive and preemptive periods in **all** courts, administrative agencies and boards from August 29, 2008 through September 12, 2008. This order specifically includes the Medical Malpractice statutes.

**Louisiana Department of Insurance Emergency Rule 24:**

The Louisiana Department of Insurance has issued Emergency Rule 24, which is effective for the time period of August 30, 2008 until October 1, 2008. This rule provides for a suspension of any notice of cancellation or nonrenewal for any reason, including non-payment of premium. Emergency Rule 24 will apply to health care providers enrolled in the PCF who reside in 43 specific parishes listed below and who either obtain written documentation from the chief executive officer of the applicable parish or municipality or other appropriate parish authority regarding the interruption of U.S. mail service; **or** individually provide written notice that they have been impacted by Hurricane Gustav by evacuation, displacement, temporary relocation, or loss of power. This notice should be sent to the PCF via mail, email or fax.

Please note that according to the Louisiana Department of Insurance Emergency Rule 24, an insured is not excused from the obligation to pay the premiums/surcharges otherwise due for actual insurance provided. It also does not apply to new coverage.

Those providers enrolled in the PCF and affected by Hurricane Gustav in the affected parishes will receive an extension, until September 30, 2008, to pay PCF surcharges due on or after August 30, 2008, without any late fees, penalties, cancellation or nonrenewal.

Please check the PCF website at [www.lapcf.state.la.us](http://www.lapcf.state.la.us) or call the PCF staff at 225-362-5400 or 1-866-469-9555 to ensure that you have the grace period to pay your surcharge.

Department of Insurance Emergency Rule 24 can be found at [www.lidi.state.la.us/Docs/CommissionersOffice/legal/Rules/Rule24\\_Cur\\_SuspensionOfCertainS.pdf](http://www.lidi.state.la.us/Docs/CommissionersOffice/legal/Rules/Rule24_Cur_SuspensionOfCertainS.pdf)

**Parishes:** Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana,